

## **Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Minutes May 18, 2010**

Attendance: John Bamberger, Richard Fein, Karen Kowles, Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Helene Ver Eecke, Chris Slem, Glenn Barrington (UMass Transit), Guilford Mooring (Superintendent of Public Works-Town of Amherst), Lynn Grabowski (Mass Bike), Eve Vogel (guest)

**Meeting** came to order at 4:10 pm, Rm. 101 Bangs Center.

**Glenn Barrington** reported July-Mar ridership on route 32 has increased in FY2010 by 1.4% compared to the same period in FY2009.

**Modification of the # 32 Schedule** to use the “reduced” schedule only during the summer will be continued at the meeting of 15 June.

Plans for the **North Pleasant St./Eastman Lane Intersection** focusing on the roundabout judged most efficient for motor vehicle traffic pose serious questions for bicycle traffic. Three alternative through routes for cyclists were evaluated:

- Merge from bike lane with MV traffic to pass through the intersection.
- Remain in a continuous bike lane through the intersection.
- Exit via ramp to sidewalk and cross streets via crosswalks.

The Committee came to the view that the second option was dangerous because it requires traffic leaving the roundabout to cross the bike lane. PTBC voted unanimously to recommend elimination of this second option by termination of bike lanes well before the roundabout at the exit ramps to the sidewalks with “sharrow” images in the MV lanes at the same spot inviting more confident riders to merge with traffic.

Plans for this intersection can be found on the Town website at <  
<http://www.amherstma.gov/index.aspx?nid=1321>>.

Chris Slem reported that the **SOS Committee**, while not active recently, intends to continue through the next year.

**Minutes of the meeting of 3/22/10** were approved by unanimous vote.

**New Committee Members** are needed. Please contact Fran vanTreese <  
[franvant@aol.com](mailto:franvant@aol.com)> or Peter Lillya <[lillya@chem.umass.edu](mailto:lillya@chem.umass.edu)>.

**Next meeting** – Tue 15 June at 4 pm – location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Lillya, secretary